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4.	आन्ध्र प्रदेश	3
5.	कर्नाटक	9
6.	तमिलनाडु	6
7.	मध्य प्रदेश	12
8.	उड़ीसा	1
9.	हिमाचल प्रदेश	1
10.	नागालैंड	1
	जोड़	125

Export Ceiling and Rates Fixed for Rice and Wheat

2071. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether any hike in export cap for wheat, rice mooted by Government as reported in the Economic Times, New Delhi dated the 28th February, 1995 indicating the export ceiling/rates fixed for non-basmati rice and common wheat during 1995-96 by Government;

(b) if so, what is the expected wheat procurement during this rabi season and rice during this kharif season in the country and likely off-take from the PDS, with likely buffer stock position during 1995-96 with Government;

(c) what are FCI's plans to boost off-.ke/export incentives to wheat xporters/waiving of statutory charges ke mandi 'tax rural cases etc. and articularly for demand of subsidised :xports as a policy decision rather than an ad hoc measure etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) As per the extent Export-Import Policy, no export ceiling has been prescribed in respect of rice. As regards wheat, an export ceiling of 5 lakh tonnes for non-Durum wheat and 3 lakh tonnes for Durum wheat was fixed for the year 1994-95. The FCI has also been authorised to export non-Durum wheat from its stocks within the export ceiling of 5 lakh tonnes fixed for 1994-95. No decision regarding export ceiling of wheat for 1995-96 has so far been taken.

(b) The expected wheat procurement during the ensuing rabi season 1995-96 is about 13 million tonnes. The estimated procurement of rice during the current Kharif season 1994-95 is about 13.2 million tonnes. The likely offtake of wheat and rice from Central Pool for PDS during 1995-96 is estimated at about 9 million tonnes of rice and 5-6 million tonnes of wheat. Allotment of foodgrains (wheat and rice) from Central Pool for Public Distribution System to all States/ Union Territories are made on a month-to-month basis, based on the demands received from them, their relative needs, offtake trends, stocks in the Central Pool,

seasonal availability, etc. These factors vary from month-to-month and, therefore, it is not possible to predict the exact stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool at the end of the year. However, the stock position of rice and wheat as on 1.10.1995 is roughly estimated at 14.7 million tonnes and 18.7 million tonnes respectively.

(c) and (d) Apart from meeting the normal requirement of PDS, other welfare schemes etc. the FCI is continuing sale of wheat and rice at prices lower than its economic cost in the open market. FCI has also been authorised to sell wheat and rice (fine and superfine) to exporters at prices not less than the open sale rates for the purpose of export. Exporters are free to purchase wheat and rice from the open market or FCI and export it. The FCI has, however, no plans as such to give incentives to wheat exporters. Statutory charges on foodgrains are levied by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and the Central Government have been requesting the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations concerned to reduce the statutory taxes to the minimum possible level.

Issue of Pass Books and Annual Statements to EPF Members

2072. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory on the part of employers to issue pass books to EPF subscribers and also to provide annual return statements; if so, the details thereof;

(b) how many cases were detected by PF authorities during the last three years wherein neither pass books were issued nor annual statements were given, year-wise figures;

(c) what action Government initiated against the defaulters;

(d) what steps are being taken to ensure that the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 and rules made thereunder are strictly enforced in the country;

(e) how many defaulters were penalised under section 14B of the said Act during the last three years year-wise figures; and

(f) how many defaulters were arrested for fraud, default misappropriation and misuse of PF contributions details of each case and also action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Letters Sent by CISCE Mazdoor Sabha about PF to various Authorities

2073. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many letters were sent so far to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner / Central Provident Commissioner / Government by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations Mazdoor Sabha;

(b) what are the details regarding the date of each letter, the demand/appeal contained and also action taken in each case;

(c) whether the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner prepared a report in this regard; if so, date on which the report was prepared; and whether the same was given to the Council; if so, the date of despatch;

(d) whether the management of the Council has prepared and submitted the requisite documents; if so, the names of the documents and dates of submission of each document and also action taken thereon; and

(e) the names of employees and also the Provident Fund amount pending against each one of them as on date?